



**CDSOA Central Gulf Fleet**  
**August Meeting - Laurel, MS**  
**August 14, 2010**  
**PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 11TH!**

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SAILORS!

I am hosting the next meeting of the Central Gulf Coast Fleet of the CDSOA. We will meet at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 14 at my hangar on the Laurel Municipal Airport in Laurel, Mississippi. I understand that a "fleet" of cars will drive up together from the Fairhope Yacht Club. Anyone in the Fairhope area that would like to attend would do well to get in touch with that group and join the caravan. Sailors in other areas may want to form similar traveling groups. The airport identifier is LUL. The Laurel Airport is also known (mostly to older folks) as **Hesler-Noble Field**. Our hangar is hangar number 1. The drive-to address for GPS is **112 Base Drive, Laurel, Mississippi**. You might also try "**Number One Hangar Lane**", as it used to be called.

My Cape Dory 36 is in the hangar (which is air-conditioned). She is in a thousand pieces and in the middle of a major refit and cosmetic renewal. This is an excellent opportunity to see into the nooks and crannies that are normally difficult to get at. You can readily see exactly how it's made. I'm planning to do a show-and-tell to explain the problems, solutions and decisions I've found and dealt with in the course of the project. I will also be very interested in suggestions and insight from you all!!

We have friends on the field who own antique airplanes in which they provide short rides for a minimal fee. We are trying to arrange to have this treat available to those who are interested. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. One of the planes is a Stearman with a big old radial engine. It's fun!

We will probably all go to eat at Charlie's Catfish House, which is nearby, and which has been a consistently excellent country style restaurant for a very long time. It's a local tradition. Of course we can take a vote about that when everyone is here. We could also do Mexican (where we're on a first-name basis with the owners and all the waiters). Then there's Japanese.....

We will have fun until it's not fun anymore, and then everybody can go home!

Please pass the word and let's see if we can get a better-than-usual group together for this meeting!

Regards,  
Troy Scott, Fleet Captain (an AWESOME responsibility.....;-))

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*All owners of both Cape Dory and Robinhood power and sailboats, CDSOA members and non-members, are welcome to attend.*

*RSVP by August 11<sup>th</sup>, by contacting Troy via email at tscott1217@bellsouth.net.*

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Web resources:

Hesler-Noble Field:

<http://www.airport-data.com/airport/LUL/maps.html>

Boeing Stearman Aircraft:

<http://www.pilotfriend.com/aircraft%20performance/stearman.htm>

Charlie's Catfish House:

<http://et-ee.facebook.com/group.php?gid=45610908165&v=wall#!/group.php?gid=45610908165&v=info>

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Regarding the airplane rides:

1. We will pay individually, sorry.
2. I've been advised by the pilot (and I'm certain he's right) that these rides would be far more enjoyable very early in the day before it gets hot and bumpy.

The meeting is officially supposed to kick-off at 11:00 AM. However, if any of you would like to have a ride in an antique bi-plane, we should schedule these early, starting maybe 7:00 or 7:30 AM. I don't know how many early birds we have in the group. However, I will accommodate anyone who would like to have a ride early. This may mean that you will want to drive up very early Saturday AM, or it may mean you'll want to come on up to Laurel on Friday evening. We do have decent hotels. And if there are only a few who would like to come on Friday evening, we can put those folks up at our house. We do have indoor plumbing....

Please let me know!

Also, if any of you have significant others who feel they would be terribly bored by all this, please let those potentially bored folks know that we have one of the finest small art museums on the planet, and a few trendy small restaurants nearby.

Regards,  
Troy Scott  
Fleet Captain of the Central Gulf Coast Fleet of the CDSOA (an AWESOME responsibility)